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SCIENTIFIC NEWS.

— In a recent letter to Dr. Hayden, M. de Lapparent, President of the Société Géologique de France, writes that the Geological Society of France has resolved to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its foundation. This should properly occur on the 15th of March, but as the annual meeting takes place April 1st, the Society has decided that the two meetings shall take place at the same time. A report will be read of the part which the Society has taken in the geological progress of the last fifty years. After the meeting a banquet will be given by the French members of the Society to the foreign geologists who have been so good as to respond in person to the invitation to be present. M. de Lapparent speaks of the pleasant relations established with foreign geologists by the meeting of 1878, and hopes that these relations will be further increased in 1880, and that much may be done to render the meeting at Bologna, in 1881, still more interesting and important.

— The dispute between the Directors of the Park Commissioners and the Permanent Exhibition Company of Philadelphia having been settled to the satisfaction of both parties, the latter will at once proceed to carry out its plan as a combination of museums. The close of last year saw a balance of \$16,000 in its treasury, and it is believed that next year a considerable increase in the fund available for scientific purposes, will be made.

— Mons. A. Robin (Préparateur à la Faculté des Sciences), Rue d'Ulm, 38, Paris, France, is now preparing a general work upon the anatomy of the *Chiroptera*, and wishes to obtain, either by exchange, or otherwise, American material in this order of mammals.

— According to the *Academy*, C. Kegan Paul & Co., London, have published a memoir of the late Dr. Phillip P. Carpenter, well known as an able naturalist as well as philanthropist and sanitary reformer.

— The Academy of Science at Turin has awarded a prize, amounting in value to about £480, to Mr. Charles Darwin for his discoveries in the physiology of plants.

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PROCEEDINGS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, February 16.—Dr. R. P. Stevens remarked on the geology at the head of the Ten-mile branch of the Blue river, Colorado, and Mr. W. E. Hidden exhibited and described two new meteorites from the Southern States.

March 1.—Prof. E. C. Spitzka made a communication on the brain of man and of the ape, their resemblances and their differences.